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MILITARY POLICE GROUP (CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION) (PROVISIONAL)
18th Military Police Brigade
APO 96491

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SUBJECT: Operational Reports - Lessons Learned for Quarterly Period
ending 31 January 1968, CSFOR-65.

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TO: Commanding General
Headquarters, USARV
ATTN: AVHGC (DST)
APO SF 96375

1. Section 1. Significant organizational or unit activities.

a. Since 1 November 1967 elements of the Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation) (Provisional) have operated in direct support of area Provost Marshals in the II, III, and IV Corps Tactical Zones and the Provost Marshal, Headquarters Area Command.

b. During the 91 days covered in this reporting period, each detachment participated in on the job training and operational activities on a daily basis.

c. During the month of January the field office at An Khe was reopened to support the II Corps Tactical Zone Provost Marshal activities in that area.

d. Pending implementation of the MTOE 19-500E personnel resources have been adequate to accomplish the mission. Augmented by civilian clerical help the administrative functions operate satisfactorily. However, a slight increase in civilian administrative positions is anticipated to insure that the field offices have sufficient translator/interpreters available.

e. Logistical support during the period has been adequate. The

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only significant area that has caused some problem areas has been the 2nd echelon and higher vehicular maintenance. Primarily, this is caused by the necessity of satelliting on the nearest MP element or, if not available, another unit for vehicular maintenance support.

2. Section 2. Commander's Observation and Recommendations.

a. Part I. Observations (Lessons Learned).

Maxiton

Item: Description, effects, and identification of users of Maxiton.

Discussion: During narcotics raids by criminal investigators of this Group, Maxiton has been found and confiscated. Maxiton is the brand trade name for an amphetamine that is usually sold in liquid form in a 2cc vial. The active principle in Maxiton is amphetamine hydrochloride. Maxiton has the same effect on a user as any amphetamine, i.e., a high degree of exhilaration, a rapid pulse, increased wakefulness and alertness, etc. Prolonged use may bring on tremors and spasms, and may lead to psychosis. Approximately one-half the administered dosage of Maxiton appears in the urine, unchanged, within 48 hours. A urine specimen of 2 or more ounces is normally sufficient to determine if a subject is under the influence of an amphetamine.

Observation: Foregoing information should be furnished the military Police School for use in the Criminal Investigation and Drug Investigation courses.

Blackmarket Activities

Item: Interrogation of deserters and AWOLs as sources of information on drug investigations and suppression of black-marketing activities.

Discussion: Deserters and AWOLs have been lucrative sources of information when criminal investigators interrogate them immediately upon return to military control. Although deserters and AWOLs may or may not have been involved in narcotics or black-marketing, they are invariably aware of persons and places that are involved in the offenses. During interrogations, deserters and AWOLs are frequently willing to reveal any information they possess concerning narcotics and black-marketing.

Observation: Area provost marshal SOPs should contain instructions to exploit these sources of information on narcotics and black-marketing offenses.

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Crime Prevention

Item: Voiding or destroying obsolete blank checks.

Discussion: An unidentified subject (or subjects) recently passed worthless checks totaling in excess of \$5000.00. These worthless checks were "Personalized" checks on the account of a U.S. Army NCO Club in Vietnam, and were passed by currency blackmarketeers on the local economy. Investigation disclosed that the NCO Club had closed this stateside bank account about 6 months prior to the incident. The NCO Club failed to void or destroy the remaining blank "Personalized" checks for the closed account, consequently, the blank checks fell into the wrong hands.

Observation: Persons and activities closing out bank accounts should be advised to void or destroy blank "Personalized" checks to prevent their unauthorized use.

b. Part II. Recommendations: None.

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Withdrawn, Hqs, DA

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SUBJECT: OMLL for the Period Ending 31 January 1968 for Military Police
Group (Criminal Investigation)(Provisional)

HEADQUARTERS, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE, APO 96491

TO: See Distribution

1. Reference item concerning Maxiton, Section 2, Part 1, page 2: Concur with observation. This headquarters will insure that a letter on maxiton is forwarded to the Military Police School, Fort Gordon.
2. Reference item concerning Blackmarket Activities, Section 2, Part 1, page 2: Concur with observation and recommend that the Provost Marshal, USARV disseminate this information to Provost Marshals throughout Vietnam. This headquarters will incorporate such a requirement in a brigade regulation for dissemination to Provost Marshals under brigade control.
3. Reference item concerning Crime Prevention, Section 2, Part 1, page 3: Concur with observations and recommend that USARV advise all major commands.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

for *E. J. Mitchell*
J. E. MITCHELL
CPT, AGC
Asst Adjutant

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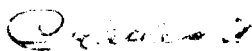
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HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96375 1 APR 1968

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,
APO 96558

1. This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1968 from Headquarters, Military Police Group (Criminal Investigation) (Provisional), 18th Military Police Brigade.
2. Pertinent comment follows: Reference item concerning voiding or destroying obsolete blank checks, page 3, paragraph 2a; and paragraph 3, 1st Indorsement. All activities and individuals are presently informed of the nature of their personalized checks upon opening an account. This is the only such incident reported and would not seem to indicate a trend or problematical situation based on an isolated occurrence. USARV Comptroller does not concur that the incident requires an action to advise all major commands; however, the item will be placed in suspense for inclusion in the next revision of the regulation on banking published by HQ USARV.
3. A copy of this indorsement will be furnished to the reporting unit through channels.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


CHARLES A. BYRD
Major, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

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31 January 1968, RCS CSFOR-65 (R1)

HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 23 APR 1968

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

This headquarters has evaluated subject report and forwarding indorse-
ments and concurs in the report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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